



AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY PAYS TRIBUTE TO ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST FEMALE ADVENTURERS, NANCY BIRD WALTON

For over 10 years Nancy Bird Walton was a Trustee of the Australian Geographic Society, a position she filled with the utmost dedication and enthusiasm. In 2007 Nancy was instated as the first Emeritus Trustee of the Australian Geographic Society, in recognition of her years of service.

At the time of her passing in January 2009, Sorrel Wilby, Chair of the Australian Geographic Society says "Nancy-Bird Walton was a woman way ahead of her time and an inspiration to so many generations of adventurers, especially women".

A remarkable woman, in her lifetime Nancy Bird Walton met with kings and queens and dined with the world's most impressive dignitaries. She counted celebrated pioneering airwomen Jean Batten of New Zealand and Germany's Elly Beinhorn as friends and in 1997 was named a Living National Treasure by the National Trust.

At the 2009 Australian Geographic Awards, Dick Smith, Patron & Founder of the Australian Geographic Society, announced a new sponsorship to commemorate the life of Nancy Bird Walton.

The Nancy Bird Walton Sponsorship for Female Adventurers will provide funding for Australian female adventurers.

Applications for the inaugural sponsorship opened on October 16th 2009, what would have been Nancy's 94th birthday. The winner of the sponsorship will be announced on International Women's Day, March 8th.

The annual funding of \$5000 will be awarded to an Australian woman planning to undertake an adventurous pursuit. The recipient of the sponsorship will be chosen by a panel made up of female adventurers, members of Nancy Bird Walton's Family and representatives of the Australian Geographic Society.

It is hoped that the sponsorship will not only commemorate the great life of Nancy Bird Walton, but also inspire women from around Australia to follow their dreams.

Applications for the Nancy Bird Walton Sponsorship will close on January 31, 2010.

For more information please contact the Kylie Piper on 02 9263 9825 or society@ausgeo.com.au

The Australian Geographic Society Nancy Bird Walton Sponsorship Application Form



To assist us in processing your application for sponsorship, please fill out the form below.

Send the completed form and any supporting material to:

The Sponsorship Administrator

Australian Geographic Society,
Level 20, 66-68 Goulburn Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

Or email: society@ausgeo.com.au

Applicant's Name: _____
Organisation: _____
Address: _____
State: _____ Postcode: _____
Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____

Project Information

Project Title: _____
Project Start Date: _____ Finish Date: _____

1. Project summary – outline your project in 150 words or less

2. On a separate page outline the aims of your project and how you plan to achieve them.
Response should be limited to one A4 page.

3. Do you know of anyone else that has attempted this project or something similar?

4. Why is this project important to Australia?

5. How would you document this project? (Please circle any applicable)

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| Written updates | Documentary/DVD | Photo journal | Written final report |
| Blog | Other (please explain) | | |

Applicant Information

6. Attach a short biography / resume for each participant where possible include:

- relevant experience / qualifications for the project being undertaken.
- experience in writing and/or photography.

7. Have you previously received funding from Australian Geographic Society? Yes No

Adventurers please note: recipients of previous grants must not be the contact for seed grants

8. Please explain why you are involved in this project.

Publicity

9. What are the publicity opportunities or angles for this project? (Please circle any applicable)

Interview for journal Lecture Radio interview TV
 Other (please explain)

10. Would you be available for publicity regarding this project? Yes No

11. Would you be prepared to provide first Australian Magazine rights to Yes No
 Australian Geographic?

Project budget

12. Have you requested sponsorship from any other organisation for this project? Yes No

If Yes, complete the table below

Amount requested	Organisation	Received (Y/N)

13. Complete the table below outlining the project costs.

Where possible, attach an itemised budget to support your application this should include the following: equipment costs, travel expenses, daily expenses for period of project, other expenses specific to the project. Do not include salary costs or expenses for volunteer time etc.

Item	Info	Total Amount
Travel costs		
Equipment costs		
Daily expenses		
Other project specific expenses		
Total cost of project:		

Other information

Please attach any further information you feel will compliment your application.